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SUBJECT: EC COMMISSION REQUESTS CONSULTATION ON FISHING
WITHIN EXCLUSIVE ECONOMIC ZONE

REFS: (A) EC BRUSSELS 2039; (B) EC BRUSSELS 6907

1. ON JULY 19 SIMONNET OF EC COMMISSION DIRECTORATE GENERAL
FOR EXTERNAL RELATIONS CALLED MISSION TO SUGGEST INFORMAL
CONSULTATION IN WASHINGTON ON FISHING ARRANGEMENTS WITHIN
A POSSIBLE U.S. 200 MILE ECONOMIC ZONE EITHER ON 30 AUGUST
OR DURING THE WEEK OF 6 SEPTEMBER. (THESE TALKS COULD ONLY
BE INFORMAL SINCE THE COMMISSION HAS NO MANDATE FROM THE
COUNCIL TO BEGIN ANY NEGOTIATIONS.) ACCORDING TO SIMONNET,
THE COMMISSION WAS MOTIVATED BY THE PASSAGE OF PUBLIC
LAW 94-265 PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT BY THE US OF A
200 MILE EXCLUSIVE ECONOMIC ZONE ON MARCH 1, 1977.

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SIMONNET NOTED THAT THE COMMISSION HAS ALREADY BEEN CONSULTING

WITH THE COUNTRIES OF NORTHERN EUROPE AND CANADA.
(AS REPORTED IN REF B, THE EC FOREIGN MINISTERS WERE
CHARGED BY THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES ON JULY 13 TO CONSIDER
ON JULY 20 ISSUING A DECLARATION OF INTENT BY THE EC MEMBER
STATES TO EXTEND COMMUNITY FISHING LIMITS TO 200 MILES.)

2. COMMENT: ACCORDING TO SIMONNET, GALLAGHER, THE DEPUTY
DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR EXTERNAL RELATIONS, WILL BE PERSONALLY
AVAILABLE FOR CONSULTATIONS ON 30 AUGUST BUT PROBABLY NOT
DURING THE WEEK OF 6 SEPTEMBER.

GALLAGHER IS THE COMMISSION'S MOST KNOWLEDGABLE SENIOR
OFFICIAL ON THIS SUBJECT. SINCE THE U.S. WOULD PROBABLY
WISH, DURING SUCH CONSULTATIONS, TO RAISE QUESTIONS
RELATING TO EC EXTENSIONS OF ITS FISHING ZONE, WE
BELIEVE CONSULTATIONS WITH THE COMMISSION WOULD BE
ENHANCED BY HIS PRESENCE, THEREFORE WE RECOMMEND THAT IF
POSSIBLE WE ACCEPT THE EARLIER DATE. MORRIS

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